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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2, 9, 16 and 20.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for reversing drug resistance in a cancer cell, said method comprising introducing an antisense glucosylceramide synthase nucleic acid sequence [compound] into said cell, wherein said introduction reverses drug resistance in said cell.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1[2], wherein said nucleic acid sequence is complementary to all or part of a sense strand for glucosylceramide synthase.

8. (Amended) A method of inducing apoptosis in a cancer cell, said method comprising introducing an antisense glucosylceramide synthase nucleic acid sequence [compound] into said cancer cell, wherein said introduction induces apoptosis in said cells.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 8 [9], wherein said nucleic acid sequences are complementary to all or part of a sense strand for glucosylceramide synthase.

15. (Amended) A formulation for reversing drug resistance in a cancer cell or inducing apoptosis in a cancer cell, comprising an antisense glucosylceramide synthase nucleic acid sequence [compound] and chemosensitizer or chemotherapeutic agent.

17. (Amended) The formulation of claim 15[16] wherein said nucleic acid sequence is complementary to all or part of a sense strand for glucosylceramide synthase.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 9, 16 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendments to Claims 1, 8, and 15 may be found throughout the specification. For example, support for the amendments to Claim 1 may be found at page 10, lines 26-28, page 11, lines 1-7 and original Claim 2; Claim 8 at page 10, lines 26-28, page 11, lines 1-7 and original Claim 9; and Claim 15 at page 10, lines 26-28, page 11, lines 1-7 and original Claim 16.